

Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) A closure device to close a convertible top (1) of a convertible vehicle (2) onto a body frame part (4), wherein at least one closure element (6) is connected to the convertible top (1) and at least one mating closure element (7) is connected to the body frame part (4), which can be engaged by means of a motor drive unit (8), and the convertible top (1) has a gripping handle element (13), by which the convertible top (1) can be moved manually between a pre-closure position at a spacing from the body-frame part (4) and a locked catching position, in which the convertible top (1) ~~can be closed~~ is closable, and wherein the closure device (3) includes a sensor (12), by which assumption of the locked catching position of the convertible top (1) is detectable and which sends signals to a control unit of the drive unit (8).

2. (currently amended) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (12), on reaching of the specified locked catching position of convertible top (1), generates a signal, and the control unit, based on the recorded signal of sensor (12) ~~operates~~ actuates the drive unit (8) to activate at least one closure element (6) and/or mating closure element (7) to attach the convertible top (1).

3. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that two closure elements (6) are provided on the convertible top (1) and two mating closure elements (7) on the body-frame part (4).

4. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that it includes an operating element (14), based on whose operation, at least in the attached state of the convertible top, a signal is generated, and the drive unit (8) is operated to release the convertible top (1).

5. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that to release the convertible top (1), operation of at least one closure element (6) occurs, so that the closure element (6) is disengaged from the corresponding closure mating

6. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (12) is designed as a switch, especially as a microswitch.

7. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (8) is designed as an electrically drivable unit, especially with an electric motor (10).

8. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit is a hydraulically driven unit.

9. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit (8) is integrated into the closure device (3).

10. (previously presented) A closure device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drive unit is integrated into the body frame part.

11. (previously presented) A convertible top for a convertible vehicle with a closure device (3) for releasable attachment of the convertible top (1) to a body frame part (4) according to Claim 1.